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FOR EB ASST. SECRETARY KATZ, COMMERCE ASST. SECRETARY WEIL,
AND AMB. STRAUSS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EEC

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: COMITEXTIL MEETINGS WITH STATE, COMMERCE,
AND STR OFFICIALS

REF: GENEVA 4891

1. PER REFTEL, THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT COMMUNITY HAS REACHED MANDATE RE MFA RENEWAL. SOME OF THESE REPORTS INDICATE THAT MANDATE WOULD PERMIT EC ACCEPT, IN END, RENEWAL WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO MFA TEXT. PRESENT INFO, HOWEVER, OFFERS NO INDICATION THAT MANDATE WILL PRECLUDE INITIAL EFFORT AT NEGOTIATING CHANGE. THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE KNOWN TO COMITEXTIL OFFICIALS DURING THEIR WASHINGTON CALLS. ONE PURPOSE OF THESE CALLS, REPORTEDLY, IS A LAST-DITCH EFFORT BY COMITEXTIL (AND PERHAPS INDIRECTLY ATMI) TO PERSUADE USG TO CHANGE ITS MFA POSITION SO AS TO ENCOURAGE EC NEGOTIATORS TO PRESS STRONGLY FOR CHANGE WITH U.S. SUPPORT.

2. IN VIEW OF CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT THE USG/JAPANESE POSITION ON MFA RENEWAL IS PREVAILING AND THAT COMMISSION AND THE MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE MOVING
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TOWARD THE US/JAPANESE POSITION, IT IS THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE U.S. TEXTILE DELEGATION AND TSB REPRESENTATIVE PHELAN THAT USG OFFICIALS OFFER NO HOPE TO COMITEXTIL OF POSSIBLE CHANGE USG POSITION OR THAT EFFORTS TO MAKE THE MFA MORE RESTRICTIVE HAVE ANY CHANCE OF BEING AGREED TO BY MFA PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT COMITEXTIL SHOULD COME AWAY FROM ITS

MEETING WITH YOU CONVINCED THAT WE ARE NOT BUDGING. AT THE JULY 5 TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING, THE USG WILL, OF COURSE, LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, BUT WE REMAIN PERSUADED THE SUREST AND MOST LIKELY THE ONLY WAY THE MFA CAN BE RENEWED IS WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO ITS TEXT.

3. AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMUNITY, A PRIVATE TRILATERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD HERE AFTERNOON JUNE 21 WITH THE JAPANESE, THE USG, AND THE EC. AT THAT TIME WE SHALL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE GIVEN DETAILS OF THE EC'S MANDATE. A "SEVEN-PLUS-SEVEN" MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED FOR MORNING JUNE 22 AT WHICH TIME EC MANDATE, PRESUMABLY, WILL BE MADE PUBLIC. TEXTILES COMMITTEE PLENARY IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN JULY 5. SORENSON

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